



The Embassy of the United States of Germany
proudly presents

Dancing To Connect

A dance project with Berlin students
under the direction of
Battery Dance Company and **Drastic Action**
New York



July 5, 2008 , 5:00 p.m.
Haus der Berliner Festspiele
Schaperstr. 24, 10719 Berlin

Dancing to Connect is a transatlantic dance project of two internationally renowned dance companies from New York, the "Battery Dance Company" and "Drastic Action". In a week-long workshop, 100 youths from five Berlin schools created their very own choreographies, mentored by professional dancers and teaching artists. As the closing highlight, the students now present their finished works to the public.

Dancing to Connect encourages students from all social and ethnic backgrounds to find their own creative voices by using choreographic dance techniques and improvisation. They develop self-confidence, tolerance and physical and intellectual competencies through the integration of dance, music and English as "lingua franca". In addition, they learn that they can actively impact on culture and on furthering cross-cultural relations.

Supported by the Embassy and Consulates of the United States of America, this project has already very successfully taken place in several cities throughout Germany in the past few years. The performance of the Berlin students is part of the festivities on the occasion of the official opening of the new embassy building.

The participating schools are:

Herbert-Hoover-Oberschule (Wedding)

Ernst-Reuter-Oberschule (Wedding)

Heinrich-von-Stephan-Oberschule (Moabit)

Caspar-David-Friedrich-Oberschule (Hellersdorf)

Heinz-Brandt-Oberschule (Weißensee)

Directors: Jonathan Hollander, Battery Dance Company &
Aviva Geismar, Drastic Action

Further information on the two dance companies can be found at:
<http://www.batterydanceco.com/> <http://www.drasticaction.org/>

Free admission. Open seating.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance.

This project was made possible with the kind support of:

